

Sunday, July 25, 2010—8:30 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Spoken Liturgy Worship #1 (without Holy Communion)



***“He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name . . .’”***
(Luke 11:2a)

United Lutheran Mission Statement
***“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him,
to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”***

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Please complete a "Record of Attendance" from the "Welcome Folder"
found at the ends of each pew, and place in the offering plate
or give to one of the ushers.

◆ Congregation Stands P = Pastor A = Assistant C =
Congregation

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

DENNIS HEUKE

- ◆ **GATHERING SONG** *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal #533)

◆ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP FOR GOD'S FAMILY**

P We gather in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and
the Holy Spirit who gives us comfort and peace.

C **We are God's people. We belong to God.**

P We are God's family.

C **We are joined together in God's global family through our
common faith.**

P God welcomes us into loving relationships.

C **We belong to one another. Let us worship our God of loving
relationships.**

◆ **WE CONFESS THE BROKEN CONDITION OF GOD'S FAMILY**

P God of love and mercy,

C **Make us a family again. We are bruised and beaten by an
insensitive world. Our hearts are hardened and bitter as we go
through the motions of living. We are intoxicated by the
pleasures of the world and we find ourselves wanting more.
God of the human family, we pray that you will restore us to
right relationship with you and with each other. Touch our
broken hearts and make us whole again. Breath new life into
our dead spirits. Speak the word of forgiveness and freedom**

for all the world to hear.

◆ **GOOD NEWS FOR GOD’S FAMILY**

P People of God’s family, there is good news today! The God of love and relationships gives us Jesus Christ to make forgiveness and freedom possible. God knows us as no other. God knows our hardened hearts and dry spirits. God knows our failures and disappointments. God knows our sinful condition, yet loves us with unbounded compassion. God’s intention is for each of us to live in love. God’s provision is the perfect love made known to all the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God’s welcome is for all people to belong to god’s family of love.

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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◆ **“CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD”**

◆ **OPENING PRAYER:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray . . .

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty

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there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians

2:6-19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is

from God.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

◆ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer. .

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the eleventh chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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 Associate Pastor **Thanks be to God!** Rev. Myron Meyer

| WORSHIP LEADERS THIS WEEK | | | |
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| LEADERSHIP POSITION | SATURDAY 5:30 P.M. | SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. | SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. |
| COORDINATORS | | GEORGE & JO HILL | KEVIN FRY |
| ACOLYTES | | BAYLEE RIHA | DALLAS DRAPAL |
| LECTORS | | SANDY AVILA BRENDA BODEN | KRISTIN MEYER THERESA WEBSTER |
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*How difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but . . .
 How easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?*